

# "Using Words to Bear Witness"

I stand alone amongst these ruins.  
I walk through the streets  
where no one walks through no more.  
I see the houses where no one lives no more.  
And sing the songs  
that no one sings no more.  
There is no child  
that plays among the cattle.  
No elder that forever  
tells me stories.  
I think I lost myself among the battle.  
I lost the child that used to have no worries.  
I died without dying.  
And it terrifies me to think,  
that no one else stands amongst these ruins.



"Unsensible Pain" by Ali, 2019  
Pflugerville High School, Pflugerville, TX

Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission

## 2020 Student Poetry and Visual Arts Contests

- Submissions will be accepted beginning February 7, 2020
- All submissions must be received by **4:00 PM CST** on **February 28, 2020**
  - Texas students in **grades 6-12** are eligible
  - Submission format in **poetry** or **visual arts**
  - Award amounts to the winner in each format:
    - \$250** for middle school    •**\$500** for high school

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